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47. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein said detection reagent is selected from an avidinated reagent and a secondary antibody that binds to said primary antibody.

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48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said detection reagent is directly labeled with a label.

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein said label is selected from a fluorophore, a chromophore, a luminophore, a ferritin, a heavy metal and a radioactive label.

50. (New) The method of claim 49, wherein said enzymatic label is selected from horseradish peroxidases, urease, luciferase and alkaline phosphatase.

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 were pending before this preliminary amendment. By the present communication new claims 46-50 have been added as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto to define Applicants' invention with greater particularity. The new claims add no new matter, being fully supported by the original application and claims. Therefore, claims 1-50 are presently pending.

The Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2001, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction of claims 1-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 121. It is respectfully submitted that the claims have been inappropriately divided.